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Mystery. Who doesn't love a mystery? Years ago, if you wanted certain things you had to go to the news agents and order things. My father loved a magazine series called "The Unexplained". We had loads of them, and I always found them really interesting. Bigfoot, spontaneous human combustion, vampires and UFOs to name a few topics. I loved all that. I think what it did, apart from concern me a little, was to give me a sense of being a detective in discovering truth through assessing the facts. A good detective finds the evidence and puts together a theory to explained what the evidence suggests. It is also worth noting at this point, that I loved detective programs. My favourite, A Touch of Frost, I was also partial to Cracker and Silent Witness. I was always an enquiring type of person. Never keen on just accepting things as they are, I wanted to know more. I think this is how I ended up with the nickname as a child, "Philip Why". I should have ended up a detective, and in a way, I did. I ended up an historian, my specialty in the late Roman period.

This was no accident, as I wanted to know how we ended up with our view of Jesus and not another. For me it all goes back to the man Himself. So, what does a historian say about the Jesus of faith? Well, we know certain things: 1, Jesus certainly existed and died on a cross in around 30AD. 2, That Pontius Pilot was the Prefect of Judea and Samaria at that time. 3, Jesus' followers (the people that actually knew Jesus) believed that he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. That Jesus changed their lives and showed them a new way to live and something to live for. By the end of the first century, there existed four accounts of Jesus' life: Mark (circa 65AD), Matthew (circa 70AD), Luke (circa 80AD), John (90-100AD). However, the first writings about Jesus comes from Paul, who wrote many letters, of which we have seven which historians count as authentic. So why am I telling you this.

Well, the mystery of Jesus is a profound one. Not because we have all the evidence we would like, but we do have a lot despite what you may sometimes hear from arm-chair scholars. Nevertheless, all those other mysteries don't change life much, they are just simply interesting. Yet, the life of Jesus continues to challenge me. It says, love exists, and that life is greater than just my own. Jesus' life was like a depth charge. We don't see the explosion, but we see the ripples made in history and still today. I hope you see the earth around you this Spring pop into life again and wonder about the mystery of this beautiful thing called life. Where it comes from and what it means.

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Parish Council News

Burghill Parish Council held its latest meeting on Tuesday 12th March 2024. Nine Councillors were present along with eleven members of the public.

The Parish Council discussed five planning applications:

- 240135 Shed in the field on Tillington Common, HR4 8LW. The application proposes a change of use from an agricultural shed to occasional holiday accommodation. A number of issues were discussed including drainage from the site, the legal Right of Way across Tillington Common and potential noise. The Parish Council RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application as it currently stands.
- 240145 Land adjacent Whitmoor Pool Cottage, Tillington, HR4 8LE. The application proposes the erection of two properties. After discussion the Parish Council RESOLVED that it DOES NOT OBJECT to the principal of development on the site so long as the proposals support the policies set out in the local NDP including whether the size and design of the properties are proportionate to, and reflect the general character, of the area. The Parish Council notes that Herefordshire Council will also want to assure itself that drainage and access proposals are appropriate.
- 240192 Brook House Farm, Moreton-On-Lugg, HR4 8DR.
 The application proposes the erection of a steel frame portal
 building to be used as a wash down area, and for chemical
 and agricultural storage. The Parish Council RESOLVED to
 SUPPORT the application.
- 240409 Grange Farm, Burghill, HR4 7SE. The application proposes the pruning of a Willow Tree to maintain its size and shape and the pruning of row of conifers at the back of the garden to ensure ongoing manageability. The Parish Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application.

• 240441 -The Fairways, Burghill, HR4 7DF. The application proposes the erection of one bungalow. The Parish Council concluded that the application does not meet NDP policies regarding whether the size and design of the properties is one that is proportionate to, and reflects the general character, of the area. The Parish Council notes that the original PA for this site was for ten dwellings only, which have already been built. The Parish Council does not believe that proposed site is big enough to support this proposal and will affect the amenity of neighbouring properties. The Council RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application.

It was hoped that the lease arrangement between the Parish Council and Burghill Community Academy regarding land at Whitmoor Pool Common would be signed this evening. This was not possible because approval has not yet been received from the Department for Education. It was hoped that the lease would be signed shortly.

About eighteen months ago, the Parish Council agreed a traffic management plan, which included, a bus shelter at Leasown, a Community Speed Watch scheme, the extended 30 mpg limit at Danny Lee Walk, a second Speed Indicator Device and a 20-mph speed limit by Burghill Community Academy. These schemes are now either in place or will shortly be in place. The reduction in the speed limit through Burghill (U73012) has been mentioned at many meetings and the Parish Council is working with Herefordshire Council to get this implemented as soon as possible. The Parish Council will now be looking at other parish wide options including improving road safety on the Tillington Road by St Mary's Park and through Burghill village.

An update was received on Whitmoor Pool Common which confirmed that the Parish Council will replace the historic sign on the Common and once dryer weather arrives the bench will be placed near the entrance. It was agreed to obtain some more hedging for Tillington Common from a scheme run with Herefordshire Council. The style at the top of the common is broken and it was agreed to replace this with a kissing gate.

The Parish Council welcomed the news that the Simpson Hall trustees are installing broadband in the Village Hall.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th May 2024 and will be our Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there.

Paulette Scholes Clerk to the Parish Council

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Mud, mud, glorious mud! Our March trek from Almerley led us through 5 miles of muddy farm fields, making it one of our muddiest adventures yet. However, just as we settled for our lunch break, the clouds lifted, revealing breathtaking views of Hay Bluff and Lord Hereford's Knob (Twmpa) cloaked in a pristine layer of snow.

Our next walk: Saturday 6th April

As usual, we will meet at 9:50 am in the Burghill Church car park. From there, we share cars and drive to our starting point for a leisurely 4 to 5 mile walk. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or new to walking, our friendly group invites you to explore the beautiful countryside while making new friends. It's a wonderful chance to enjoy exercise and good company. We warmly welcome newcomers to join us on our adventures.

For more information call Annie Ness: 01432 760552

For details of fortnightly slower paced walks call Joan Adams 01432 649332

Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club



April: On Thursday 18th April there will be a talk by a team from the Herefordshire Fire Services.

May: On Thursday 16th May there will be a talk given by the local branch of the Lions Club.

Tickets for the draw that take place at each meeting will cost £1.

We meet in the Simpson Hall commencing at 2-30pm The cost is £3 and includes light refreshments



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For more information please see out Facebook page: Golden Meadow Playgroup

Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club April 2nd Simpson Hall, 7.15pm

Firstly apologies for the technical problems last month. All should be well for the next meeting.

This month we have Steph from Lov Leaf (the lovely florist in Church St).

Steph will be talking about the benefits of house plants on our environment and mental health. So if indoor gardening is your thing this is one for you. There will be a whole range of plants and accessories for sale, so a chance to brighten up your display of indoor plants. Steph will also answer any questions you have about houseplants.

All are welcome, entry £4 to include refreshments.

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Henry Chandler was a central figure in the life of the village of Burghill and a most faithful servant of the Church. In 2019 Henry was nominated and accepted the St Ethelbert Award for exceptional service to the Church. Therefore, we are holding an Evensong Service in recognition of his award in which his photo and award will be placed on the wall of the church, where Henry used to sit.

Sunday 21st April (Henry's Birthday)
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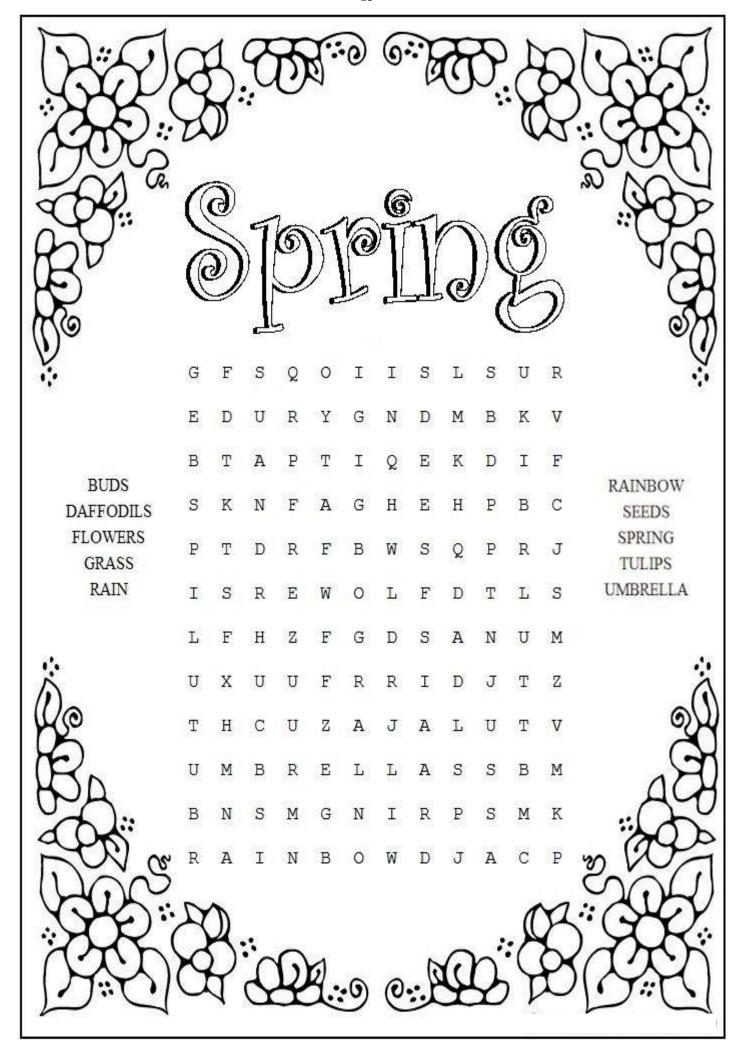
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4^{TH}	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
7^{TH}	2 ND OF EASTER	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
11 TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
14^{TH}	3 RD OF EASTER	
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Joint Benefice Eucharist
18 TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
21 ST	4 TH OF EASTER	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
5.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Evensong: in memory of
		Henry Chandler
25^{TH}	THURSDAY	
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A God who communicates

By the Ven. Fiona Gibson, Archdeacon of Ludlow

April marks the 100th anniversary of the first broadcast by a monarch of the United Kingdom, when King George V opened the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley in north London in April 2024. The speech lasts about six and a half minutes, and you can hear it in all its scratchily-recorded glory on YouTube.

I wonder if anyone then had any idea how much broadcasting would change in the coming century? We now take for granted the fact that we can see and hear almost anyone in public life at any time thanks to a 24-hour media. TikTok and Instagram have brought broadcasting within reach of any of us with a smartphone.

Communication seems to be hard-wired into us as human beings. That shouldn't surprise us, because our God is a God who communicates. Back in the earliest chapters of Genesis, it's the voice of God that brings creation into being. When Jesus is awoken by his terrified disciples in the middle of a storm, it's his words shouted into the tumult that calm the winds and the waves. When the Holy Spirit comes upon the

apostles at Pentecost, they speak the message of Christ crucified and risen in words their hearers can understand.

The story is told of a rabbi who could never get further in his reading of the Scriptures than Genesis 1:2, "And God said." The wonder of a God who speaks was too much for him to take in.

I wonder if that's why we love podcasts, audiobooks, and the radio so much, because it's as if someone were sitting next to us and chatting? As if we're listening in on a conversation that we're invited to be part of?

I wonder, too, if that's why words can wound us as well as heal us – because they go deep into the heart of our being?

The apostle James talked about the power of speech, how hard it is to tame the tongue, and how inconsistent we are when we say, "Praise God," in one breath and in the next run down another human being. Those are challenging words in an era where talk is easy, but we do well to take them to heart.



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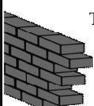
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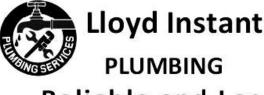
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Liz Donovan

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Friday May 24th

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You don't have to be a knitter - bring your own craft project and come along. You can be sure of a warm welcome, whatever your interest or level of expertise. We have some (almost) complete beginners as well as more experienced members who are always willing to provide advice or practical help.

We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £2 per session. April meetings are on the 10th and 24th.

If you need help with transport, do let me know. Joanna Helme Tel:760816 email: joannahelme@gmail.com



Community Café

A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on Friday April 12th from 10am to 12noon. Do join us for coffee or tea and delicious cakes and scones. Don't worry if you are on your own you will soon find some friendly folk to chat to. If you enjoy the café, why not bring along a

friend or neighbour?

You can also browse books in the Community Library or look up information on the Talk Hub.

If you think you might like to take some goodies home with you, please bring a container.

We look forward to seeing you.

Dates: Fridays: April 12th, May 10th, June 7th

Time 10 to 12noon



The Great Escaper

Cert: 12A - 1h 36m



Fri 12th Apr 7:30pm Simpson Hall, Burghill

Admission: Adults: £5.50

Pre-Booked supper of Tartiflette (gammon, cheese and potato pie)

with asparagus and bean salad,

served at 6.30pm: £10 includes food & film

Film only, includes tea, coffee and biscuits during the

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Meal Bookings: Call Annie 01432 760552 or

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Events and Training

Year of Faith Bishop's Teaching Events

Saturday 11th May St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye Saturday 13th July St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury Saturday 5th October Bridgnorth Deanery (venue tbc)

Year of Faith Bishop's Study Day 2

Thursday 24th October St Peter's, Hereford

For more information about all of the above, see our Year of Faith page on our website:

https://www.hereford.anglican.org/ our-faith/year-of-faith-2024/

Intergenerational Mission Learning Community

15th April, 11am-1pm

For anyone in youth, family or intergenerational mission. Email Lizzie Hackney, Lead Intergenerational Mission Enabler:

E.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Rural Mission & Ministry Course

1st-2nd May, Yarnfield, Staffs 2nd-3rd October, King's Park, Northants

An ecumenical course organised by the Methodist Church exploring what community, mission, evangelism & leadership can look like in rural contexts. Suitable for CMD.

Further information: arthurrankcentre.org.uk/ruralministrycourse/

Property Team Training Events

A general introduction to the Faculty system

Explaining the Faculty System, levels of consent, and using the online Faculty system

16th April 2.30-4.00pm

17th April 7.00-8.30pm

This training would be of interest to churchwardens, project team leaders, PCC members and incumbents.

A general introduction to church maintenance

Explaining who is responsible for maintaining the church building and why, the inspection of church buildings, and routine maintenance and resources

23rd April 2.30-4.00pm

24th April 7.00-8.30pm

This training would be of interest to churchwardens, PCC members and incumbents.

Booking on the Diocesan Calendar at https://www.hereford.anglican.org/calendar/



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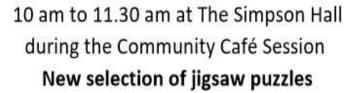
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Our next session is on

Friday, 12th April 2024





"Burghill in Bloom"

presents

"Songs from the Shows"

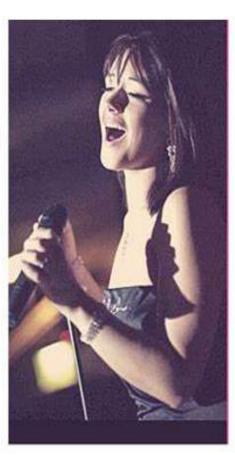
featuring Keri Hoffman (from the Strictly Come Dancing Tour)

Saturday, 11th May 2024

The Simpson Hall, Burghill 7 pm

Tickets:

£10 each to include a Ploughman's Supper available from Sally Robertson, Tel. 07581 334900, email sal.rob@btinternet.com, or from Tillington Stores





"Burghill in Bloom"





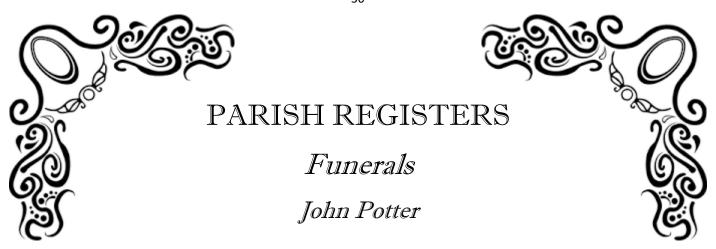
Again, this year we had a good turnout for the Annual Litter Pick and the weather stayed dry. We would like to thank everyone who took part and also the refreshments team. The Annual Litter Pick is a joint venture with Burghill in Bloom and Burghill Parish Council.

Our teams have been out and about preparing the various areas in readiness for planting for our entry into the Heart of England in Bloom campaign. The judging date has been confirmed which is Friday, 12th July 2024. This year is the 60th Anniversary of Britian in Bloom and the 10th Anniversary of Burghill in Bloom as well as 60th Anniversary of Burghill Guides so lots to celebrate.

To assist with our work, we need plastic pots so if you have any you do not want and are happy to donate to Burghill in Bloom, could you please contact John Parnaby on Hereford 761564.

At our meeting this month, we will be organising our own local competitions and more information will be included in next month's magazine.

You can follow our progress throughout the coming months on our Facebook page. Our email address is **burghillinbloom@gmail.com** if you would like more information on our work or would like to help.





ANSWERS TO THE PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- 1 Misfortune (3,4)
- 5 Dollars, slangily (5)
- 8 Furious (5)
- 9 Bewilder (7)
- 10 Weave together (7)
- 11 Convenient (5)
- 12 Vigour (6)
- 14 Stableman at an inn (6)
- 18 Young person (5)
- 20 Superficial (7)
- 22 Vast (7)
- 23 Prize money (5)
- 24 Military fur hat (5)
- 25 Correspondence (7)

DOWN

- 1 Have faith (7)
- 2 Quilt (5)
- 3 Immortal (7)
- 4 Cured herring (6)
- 5 Nativity (5)
- 6 Military rank (7)
- 7 Three score (5)
- 13 Puzzles (7)
- 15 Remain in the same place (4,3)
- 16 Answers (anag.) (7)
- 17 Also (2,4)
- 18 Ascend (5)
- 19 Fop (5)
- 21 Big (5)



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Lam 3:22-3

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